Moll between NIFT and Government of Goa

862. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Institute of Fashion Technology has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Goa, for imparting learning in fashion technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of courses, NIFT is proposed to start in Goa under the MoU?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELAGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed to impart technical support to Government of Goa by NIFT Centre, Mumbai.

(b) NIFT will not conduct any course of its own. The Government of Goa will conduct courses in Fashion Technology & Management with the technical support of NIFT, Mumbai.

(c) As per the terms and conditions of the MoU, NIFT will assist Government of Goa in curriculum design, academic planning and scheduling of various fashion technology and management courses.

National Policy on Jute

863. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has unveiled a National Policy on jute, so as to give a fillip to export of jute and jute products;

(b) what are the salient features of the jute policy;

(c) how the policy emphasized the need to develop next generation jute machinery, which is very vital for exporting our jute products to other countries of the world;

(d) what is India's share in the jute exports of the world;

(e) whether any target has been set for the Tenth Five Year Plan to export jute; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELAGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The salient features of the policy are to increase the quantity of export of jute and jute products by achieving a CAGR of 15% per annum, produce good quality jute fibre and value added diversified jute products, ensure remunerative prices to the jute farmers and enhance per hectare yield of raw jute.

(c) For the successful development of next-generation Jute Machinery to reduce the cost of production and/or quality improvement, as .also for aiding export of jute products, the National Jute Policy, 2005 recommended that the following measures have to be put in place in a time span'of five years:

(i) To complete comprehensive Benchmarking (through Technology Audit) to assess the present technological status of the jute industry;

(ii) To formulate a 5 year Plan for machinery development, for both the organized and decentralized sector (and also for the cottage industry); and

(iii) To establish a separate R&D set-up in the area of a Public-Private Partnership in consultation with the appropriate Ministries of the Government of India.

The Natioanl Jute Policy also envisages the establishment of a Jute Technology Mission (JTM). Mini Mission-IV of the Mission has a component for Machinery Development.

(d) As per statistics: June, 2006, published by FAO< World exports of jute, kenaf and allied fibres during 2004 was 7,40,200 M.Ton. India's export during 2004-05 was 3,21,800 M.Ton. This constituted 43 per cent of world export.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. Export Target fixed for of the 10th Plan period is US $634.52 million for Jute; hemp, Mesta TextHes. Export Performance of Indian Jute Sector during the 10*[1] Plan period is as given below:—

Year	Qty. ('000M.Ton)	Value (Rs./Crore)	US$/Million
2002-03	226.0	913.32	187.00
2003-04	310.4	1051.88	234.00
2004-05	321.8	1146.90	263.00
2005-06	285.8	1186.24	276.00
Total	1144.0	4298.34	960.00
2006-07 (April-Sept)	104.3	583.60	126.86

RE. DEMAND FOR AN EXPLANATION FROM PRIME MINISTER ON CONVICTION OF A CABINET MINISTER—Contd.

श्री एस. एस. अहलुवालिया (झारखंड) : उपसभापति महोदय सदन की कार्यवाही अभी स्थगित की गई थी, इसलिए कि प्रधानमंत्री को लाने ...(**व्यवधान**)... क्या प्रधानमंत्री सदन में आ रहे है ...(**व्यवधान**)... क्या प्रधान मंत्री महोदय सदन में आ रहे है और अपने एक सहयोगी ...(**व्यवधान**)... जिनको कि हत्या का मामले में सजा हो गई और सीधे तीस हज़ारी कोर्ट से वह तिहाड़ जेल भेजे गए ...(**व्यवधान**)... प्रधान मंत्री जी, क्या उसके बारे में देश को बताने की कृपा करेंगे ...(**व्यवधान**)... ।

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज (मध्य प्रदेश) : सर नेता विपक्ष ने बहुत शालीनता के साथ अपनी बात रखी थी । चाहिए तो यह था कि वह प्रधान मंत्री का इस्तीफा मांगते, ...(**व्यवधान**)... लेकिन उन्होंने मंत्री से ...(**व्यवधान**)... और यह कहा है कि सदन में प्रधान मंत्री आएं और सदन के माध्यम से देश को बताएं कि एक ऐसे व्यक्ति को उन्होंने अपने मंत्री मंडल में क्यों लिया, ...(**व्यवधान**)... जो व्यक्ति दोषी था, जिस पर मुकदमा चल रहा था , सीबीआई ने चार्ज शीट फाइल की हुई थी ...(**व्यवधान**)... ।

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